GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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SIM Cards to e-Visa Bearers
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide SIM cards to tourists coming from overseas on e-tourist visa;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the details of the facilities and information provided through such SIM cards to the foreign tourists; and
(d) whether the number of foreign tourists visiting the country is likely to increase by making available SIM cards to these tourists?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Tourism proposes to present foreign tourists arriving in India using e-Tourist Visa, a Welcome Kit containing inter alia a SIM Card for their communication in India.

Provision of Welcome Kit/SIM Card is a tourist friendly gesture intended to facilitate the foreign tourists.

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